

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, JULY 27 – AUGUST 25, 2004

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Prevention Coalition, strategy work group meetings for Albemarle County DSS, City-County public education fund.
- Provided technical assistance and support to Partnership for Children and Shelter for Help in Emergency to prepare for a Safe Start federal grant.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Website: Web August: 1,461, Unique visitors August: 245. Most popular pages: About the Commission; About the Workgroups; Listserv Links and Resources; FAPT; Guide to Youth Services/Other Publications. Listserv usage: 8 postings in August;
- Compiled legislative issues from CCF work groups for draft CCF legislative agenda.
- Published and distributed 18,000 after-school brochures to elementary, middle and high school students with cooperation and support from the City and County schools.
- Presentation of Data Team report to City of Charlottesville Committee analyzing a new Ward system of local government.
- 2004 *Stepping Stones* finalized and printed.

Administration/Research

- Completed survey of City and County leadership and drafted letter with results to be sent out to respondents.
- Established a move date of October 15, 2004 to County Office on Fifth Street Extended.
- Developed job descriptions for two undergraduate interns August 30, 2004.
- New CCF members appointed: Tracey Hopper, County Citizen; Kim Walters, County Youth; Alia Stewart-Silver, City Youth.
- FAPT Coordinator, Marley Peale, joined CCF team on August 9, 2004 and is in the process of being trained.
- Secured location for CCF 2004 Retreat at the Charlottesville Ice Rink.

Work Groups

- **Assets for Youth** – Finalized recommendations and team priorities. Work group now filling in the detailed costs and strategies needed to implement. Youth engagement study finalized and ready to format; to be accompanied with separate work group report including the recommendations. After-school program updates included, brochure designed, printed and distributed (see above.)
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – Final Individual Family Services Plan form prepared and in use. Utilization Review position description and contract finalized.
- **Family Violence Work Group** – Children's Advocacy Center feasibility report writing underway. KidsWatch expansion set for September. Safe Start grant identified for pursuit by Partnership for Children and Shelter for Help in Emergency.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – Received JABG One Time Special Funding grant for \$8,300 to translate the Juvenile Court Guide to Spanish and to print 1,900 more copies. The JJAC did not meet in August but they will reconvene in September.
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – Focus Areas document finalized for release; agency evaluations reviewed. Team to develop recommendations for expanding work plan focus to broader human service recommendations.
- **Partnership for Children** – Released "Grow Along With Me" guide and publicized distribution. The Family Friendly Schools initiative is piloting at Agnor Hurt Elementary this fall. The Partnership has approved the Seal of Good Child Care pilot project. The Partnership has endorsed an effort to prepare

an application for a Safe Start grant offered through the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** – Reviewed draft survey instrument for understanding teen behaviors, approved legislative agenda.
- **Service Learning Work Group** – Best practice manuals underway.
- **Information Sharing Implementation Work Group** – Business Process Analysis finalized. Presentations made to Case Authorization Review Team and CSA Committee on proposal to use FAPT cases as pilot group for electronic information sharing by automating the IFSP form. Proposal approved on August 11th and August 18th by CART and CSA Committees.

CCF Strategic Issues

- Completing recommendations for outcome measurement, assets for youth, and family violence - based on new detailed format -- for consideration for CCF retreat.
- Integrating move into fall work plan and communication to public.